

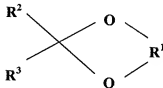
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (withdrawn)
2. (currently amended) An article suitable to be worn in contact with mammal body comprising a topsheet and a backsheet, said absorbent article comprising a mint-odor free cooling agent able to convey a freshness sensation to the wearer of the article, without the need of modifying body surface temperature, wherein the cooling agent is menthone glycerol ketal

a ketal according to the following formula:



in which R¹ represents a C₂-C₆-alkylene radical having at least 1, but not more than 3, hydroxyl group(s), preferably 1 hydroxyl group, R² represents a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl which is optionally substituted by 1 to 3 radicals selected from the group comprising hydroxyl, amino and halogen (such as fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine), and R³ represents a C₁-C₁₀-alkyl which is optionally substituted by 1 to 3 radicals selected from the group comprising hydroxyl, amino and halogen (such as fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine), with the proviso that the total of the C-atoms of R² and R³ is not less than 3; wherein the article further comprises a delivery system for containing and delivering the cooling agent to at least a portion of the skin and/or mucosal surface of mammal wearing the article;

wherein the delivery system comprises triethylcitrate;

wherein said article is a feminine napkin; and

wherein said backsheet is an apertured polymeric film.

3. (withdrawn)
4. (withdrawn)
5. (previously presented) The article according to claim 2, which comprises on at least a portion of the article from about 0.01 gm⁻² to about 300 gm⁻² of a cooling agent or a mixture thereof.
6. (withdrawn)
7. (previously presented) The article according to claim 2, wherein the delivery system is an emollient-containing composition comprising from about 0.1% to about 99.9%, by weight of the cooling agent or mixture thereof, and from about 99.9% to about 0.1%, by weight of the emollient or mixture thereof.
8. (currently amended) The article according to claim 2, wherein the delivery system comprises an emollient ~~of typically selected from the group consisting of petroleum-based; sucrose ester fatty acids; polyethylene glycol and derivatives thereof; fatty acid ester type; alkyl ethoxylate type; fatty acids, particularly those having from about 8 to about 28 carbon atoms in their fatty chain; fatty acid ester ethoxylates; fatty alcohol type; polysiloxane type; propylene glycol and derivatives thereof; glycerine and derivatives thereof, including glyceride, acetoglycerides, and ethoxylated glycerides of C₈-C₂₈ fatty acids; spermaceti and other waxes; fatty alcohol ethers, particularly those having from about 8 to about 28 carbon atoms in their fatty chain; propoxylated fatty alcohols; other fatty esters of polyhydroxy alcohols; lanolin and its derivatives; kaolin and its derivatives; sorbitol and its derivative; trihydroxy stearin; ester derivatives and mixtures thereof.~~
9. (withdrawn)
10. (withdrawn)
11. (previously presented) The article according to claim 2, wherein the article comprises a wearer-facing surface wherein at least a portion of the wearer-facing surface comprises the cooling agent.
12. (previously presented) The article according to claim 2, wherein the article is breathable, typically has a water vapour breathability of higher than about 10 (g) / (m²/24hrs).

13. (withdrawn)
14. (previously presented) The article according to claim 2 , wherein said article is a hygienic absorbent article comprising a topsheet as a wearer-facing surface, a backsheet as a garment-facing surface and an absorbent core sandwiched between the topsheet and backsheet, said backsheet preferably being a breathable backsheet.
15. (withdrawn)
16. (withdrawn)
17. (previously presented) The absorbent article according to claim 2 wherein said apertures have an average diameter of from 100 micrometers to 500 micrometers.
18. (previously presented) The absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein said breathable backsheet comprises at least two layers, a first layer comprising an apertured layer and a second layer comprising a fibrous layer.
19. (previously presented) The absorbent article according to claim 18, wherein said breathable backsheet comprises at least a first layer of a resilient, three dimensional web which consists of a liquid impervious polymeric film having apertures forming capillaries which are not perpendicular to the plane of the film but are disposed at an angle of less than 90° relative to the plane of the film, and at least a second breathable layer being a fibrous nonwoven web made from synthetic fibers having a basis weight of less than about 40 g/m².